

Dr. Young, Dr. Lee, Crystal, and Clarice,

I began this process knowing that I wanted to learn more about the Japanese Internment camps of the United States during World War II, so it was quite easy for me to choose this topic. I believe this is an important topic in the history of the US that is often left unmentioned; therefore, I was eager to learn more about it.

Researching this project was difficult, though. My information ended up coming from two memoirs because there is truly a lack of primary resources on this topic.

My first challenge came in deciding how to narrow down my topic. Crystal was a huge help in my decision to focus my attention on two families stories. The next challenge came from finding the time to read two memoirs and begin the

comparison between them. In writing the actual inquiry paper, I didn't have much difficulty, though. It ended up being a major juxtaposition between two families stories, so it wasn't a difficult topic to write about. It was mainly just time

consuming. If I had to rate my final draft on a scale from 0-3, I would choose 2.5. I choose this because I feel that there is always room for revision and I would have liked to have a bit more time to continue working on this project. I found that quitting my job was the best thing for me this semester, but I choose to quit a bit too late in order for me to have more time on this particular project. The biggest

changes I made between drafts were focusing my attention on the major similarities between the two sources. My drafts began as two separate stories. By the end, it became more of a comparison between the two rather than one story after the other. I tend to try and create a "flare" in my writing. I often like to question my readers or provide thought invoking statements. In this piece, I wanted to make an

emphasis on what these Japanese Americans went through, so I attempted to share the pain they felt in my writing. Historical research found in my writing comes from facts about WWII, information regarding what individuals of Japanese ancestry went through during the war, and how Pearl Harbor affected the way Japanese were treated during this time. This part of our countries history should be known, so I definitely tried to put in as much information as was needed for readers to understand the importance of this topic. If I could change qualities in my writing, I would change the conclusion. I feel that it could be a stronger in a stylistic sense as well as an informative nature. Learning is a continuous process, so I definitely could change parts of my project to make it a stronger piece. Overall, this project helped me learn more about this topic, the process of education, and myself as a future educator.

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